



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE**
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

MEMORANDUM OF TRANSMITTAL

FOR: VADM Manson Brown, NOSC Chair
Mr. Zachary Goldstein, NOAA CIO

FROM: Jeff de La Beaujardière, EDMC Chair

SUBJECT: Transmittal of the approved Data and Publication Sharing Directive for NOAA Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts

As Chair of the Environmental Data Management Committee (EDMC), I am pleased to submit the *Data and Publication Sharing Directive for NOAA Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts* to the NOAA Observing Systems Council and Chief Information Officer Council. Version 3.0, attached, was **unanimously approved by the EDMC on 2016 Feb 10**. This supersedes the previous version, which was entitled *NOAA Data Sharing Policy for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Procedural Directive v2.0* (2012). NAO 212-15 states that “the EDMC shall identify, develop, and approve Procedural Directives associated with this Administrative Order.” The Data Sharing directive was developed by a cross-NOAA writing team with input from the Line Office Principals of the EDMC, a stakeholder review by Grant Program managers, and a NOAA-wide review. The current version of this directive is publicly available at <https://www.nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/PD.DSP.php>.

Issuance of this Directive is an **important milestone** because it completes the policy framework required to support the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Memorandum "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research" (2013 Feb 22), as elaborated in the NOAA Plan for Public Access to Research Results (PARR) (<http://doi.org/10.7289/V5F47M2H>).

The purpose of this directive is to ensure that environmental data funded extramurally by NOAA are made publicly accessible in a timely fashion (typically within two years of collection), and that final manuscripts of peer-reviewed research papers are deposited with the NOAA Central Library. The Directive requires that funding opportunity announcements include Data Management Guidance, and relevant proposals include a Data Management Plan, and Special Award Conditions (reviewed by DoC Office of General Counsel) be included in funded awards. To allow for special cases, NOAA Programs are given some leeway in exactly how, when, or whether grantee data are made publicly available.

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